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Attorney Docket No.: 22477-708

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Eric Lietz ) Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Application No. Unassigned ) Examiner: Unknown  
Filed: Herewith )  
For: RANDOM TRUNCATION AND )  
AMPLIFICATION OF NUCLEIC ACID )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

In the specification, page 1, after the title please insert the following:

**--Relationship to Co-pending Applications**

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This application is a continuation of Application No. PCTUS01/07016, filed March 5, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/518,335, filed March 3, 2000, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--

**REMARKS**

Entry of the above-identified Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 22477-708).

Respectfully submitted,

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